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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In Chicago, prices were lower on all sizes. Prices in New York were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steadier, however caution and unsettleness were still noted. Demand improved in spot locations, but continued light to moderate at retail outlets. Supplies were sufficient to instances ample with the larger sizes in the longest position. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to at times short for irregular schedules with some bids trending lower. Demand for additional product was mixed and generally unaggressive. Light type hens were sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were lower for large and medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to at times barely steady. Retail demand was slow to moderate and was reported as somewhat improved from the last couple of days. Food service movement was light moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for the larger sizes and mixed for medium. Central states breaking stock prices were lower. Demand was mixed with offerings adequate to mostly fully adequate. Many breakers worked from regular commitments and moved excess breaking stock to outside sources. Schedules mixed. Floor stocks adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.
EXTRA LARGE	118-127	121-124	
LARGE	117-125	118-123	
MEDIUM	95-103	98-100	
MW Area: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY & Western PA .			

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply lower. The market tone was barely steady and attempting to settle. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to at times short for the light demand. Schedules for next week were irregular. Spent hen supplies were adequate for the fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules were at least normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	123-137	125-130
LARGE	119-134	124-128
MEDIUM	96-111	101-103
NE Area: CT, DC, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, & VT.		

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service movement was slow to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample for the larger sizes and mixed for medium. Central states breaking stock prices were lower. Demand was mixed with offerings adequate to mostly fully adequate. Many breakers worked from regular commitments and moved excess breaking stock to outside sources. Schedules mixed. Floor stocks adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	123.5-132	125-128
LARGE	122.5-131	124-127
MEDIUM	99.5-108	101-104
SC Area: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, MN, OK & TX.		

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower on all sizes. The market tone was barely steady entering the weekend. Retail demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient to occasionally short for the light demand. Breaking schedules were mixed. Light type hens were adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	120.25-130	124-127
LARGE	119.25-128	122-125
MEDIUM	97.5-105	98-102
SE Area: AL, FL, GA, MNS, NC, SC, Eastern TN & Southern VA.		

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, White eggs in cartones, delivered store door, cents per dozen.

CHICAGO Prices for extra large and large dropped 6 cents, mediums declined 3 cents. The market tone was steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Offerings fully adequate.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	106-112
LARGE	105-110
MEDIUM	89-96

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to steady. Retail demand was light to moderate, best where limited feature activity was planned or in progress for next week. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	117-121
LARGE	115-119
MEDIUM	96-100

WESTERN Prices were unchanged. The market tone was very weak with asking prices throughout the region 17 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 12 cents lower on medium. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was very weak with asking prices for next week 17 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 12 cents lower on medium and small. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 114. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 2 for \$3; smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 159, extra large 20 pack 269, 2 for \$5.

CALIFORNIA: California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	162
EXTRA LARGE	161
LARGE	156
MEDIUM	134

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	147-152
EXTRA LARGE	145-151
LARGE	143-146
MEDIUM	121-124

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	299-359
EXTRA LARGE	289-349
LARGE	239-329
MEDIUM	199-299

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices were lower. Demand was mixed with offerings adequate to mostly fully adequate. Many breakers worked from regular commitments and moved excess breaking stock to outside sources. Schedules mixed. Floor stocks adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

Prices paid, material exchanged, 30 dozen case equivalent, 48 lb., minimum net weight, delivered to breakers, cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	73.5-78	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	64-71	64
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were lower when compared to early week's trading. Traders were cautious and watching further market developments. Demand was light and unaggressive. Supplies ranged fully adequate to at times short for irregular breaking schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 29-Nov-2003 decreased 16 percent when compared to the previous week and was 1 percent less than the same week a year ago.

Prices paid, material exchanged, 30 dozen case equivalent, 48 lb., minimum net weight, delivered to breakers, cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	79-83	80-82
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	66-74	67-71
EASTERN REGION AREA:		
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 29-Nov-03

Previous week revised for Dried

(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,026,258	26,536	8,070	4,508	1,168	3,566
PW	1,165,662	30,760	9,437	5,114	1,993*	4,077
LY	1,052,524	26,505	8,906	4,595	1,875	3,862
% CHG PW	-12	-14	-14	-12	-41	-13
% CHG LY	-2	0	-9	-2	-38	-8
2003	55,993,051	1,375,028	504,960	274,864	110,230*	200,334
2002	57,767,536	1,350,671	552,039	296,365	133,610	205,134
% CHG YTD	-3	2	-9	-7	-17	-2

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -			
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.59	42.37	41.68
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.11	38.87	38.01

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized whites reported at 70 cents fob with pasteurized salt yolk reported from 79 to 83 cents fob. Trade sentiment was barely steady for whole egg, generally steady for whites, and weak for yolk. Demand was fairly good for all liquid products as whole egg and yolk were being heavily discounted. Offerings were fully adequate for whole egg, tight for whites and ample for yolk. Most breakers worked on contractual agreements and inter-company needs with many schedules still running reduced. Breaking stock prices were sharply lower when compared to the previous week.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	12	68.5-74	70.88	-7.30
WHITES		TFEWR		
YOLKS	17	67-80.5	71.62	

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were irregular on whole, lower on yolks and generally unchanged on whites when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was unsettled to weak on yolks, about steady on whole and steady to fully steady on whites. Offerings were fully sufficient on salt yolks, at least sufficient on sugar yolks, adequate on whole, and tight to barely adequate on whites. Demand improved but was still slow to moderate. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 29 November 2003 were 20% less than the previous week, but 3% more than last year.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	(MIN. 25 CONT.) MOSTLY	LTL RANGE
WHOLE	84-91	85-87	91-97
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		95-107
WHITES	72-74		77-84
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	96-101	98-100	101-115
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	90-98	95-97	97-110
(/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 20-32% egg solids.			

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg and white prices ranged unchanged to lower with sugared yolk sharply lower while salted yolk declined 3 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady for whole egg and whites and weak on frozen yolk products. Demand centered around less than trucklot volumes as most buyers awaited lower values. Most processors were attempting to limit growth of inventories as most felt the frozen markets would continue to decline. Offerings were balanced to adequate. Breaking stock prices were sharply lower when compared to last week.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	84-88	86-87
WHITES	72-74	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	94-101	98-101
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	94-98	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 3 cents lower on whole, unchanged on whites, and 5 cents lower on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the holiday week ending 11/29 was 12% less than the previous week. Frozen demand slowed with freezer stocks adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, FOB shipping point (cents per pound in 30 lb. containers)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	90-93
WHITES	77-80
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	101-104
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	98-101

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Majority prices were unchanged to lower with the market tone on yolks barely steady to weak, about steady on whole and at least steady on albumen when compared to a week earlier. Most sales of albumen were still limited to LTL volume with product well cleared. Offerings were about adequate to adequate on whole, and usually sufficient on yolks. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 29 November 2003 were 41% less than the previous week, and 38% less than last year. The total year to date dried egg produced was 17% lower than a year ago. Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	3.15-3.70	MOSTLY	3.25-3.40
YOLKS	2.05-2.40	MOSTLY	2.10-2.20
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	5.45-6.10	MOSTLY	5.60-5.80
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	2.15-2.40	MOSTLY	2.25-2.30

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES* WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOV 28, 2003-DEC 04, 2003

CURRENT LOADS 84.75

FUTURE LOADS 43.25

TOTAL LOADS 128.00

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	101.50	103.67	101.50	103.17	--	--	12.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	107.00	2.00
GNR W 3	--	--	82.00	84.00	--	--	1.00
GNR W 4	--	--	--	--	66.58	68.08	3.00
GL W J	--	--	114.00	115.00	97.00	--	3.00
GL W XL	--	--	110.25	109.40	94.18	--	28.00
GL W LG	--	105.50	108.50	112.00	90.56	--	23.25
GL W MD	89.71	--	78.89	81.87	69.91	73.50	19.50
GL W SM	52.90	55.65	57.50	58.88	--	--	4.00
GL BR LG	--	--	102.00	--	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	77.40	82.33	32.75
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	72.00	5.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	72.00	.50
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	--	81.00	1.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	--	115.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W J	101.00	--	--	--	--	108.00	1.75
GL W XL	99.90	101.14	--	--	--	106.18	13.00
GL W LG	--	97.20	--	--	--	100.00	16.75
GL W MD	76.14	81.00	--	--	77.00	80.64	3.75
GL W SM	--	60.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR LG	--	112.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 48	76.50	--	--	--	--	--	2.00
NRBS - 45	70.50	--	--	--	--	--	1.00

*Weighted average prices are listed for various classed priced by origin and/or destination for 6 regions. The loads column reflects total loads reported and includes loads with prices to be determined later. NRBS categories represent net weight-material may or may not be included. Load movement represents total movement within 6 regions.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS
(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Values were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent fowl were adequate for processing schedules that were at least normal. Demand was fair to moderate but generally unaggressive. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12	10-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Negotiations for disposal of light fowl were too few to report. Demand was light for ample numbers of light fowl. Schedules were at desired volume for a moderate call for finished product. Salvage costs were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices ranged unchanged to higher while majority values were unchanged. Demand was fair to fairly good with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Opinions of value were steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4.5-12.5	10-12.25

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants schedules mainly moderate. Offerings adequate.

COMBINED REGIONAL SHELL EGGS

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	127.50	126.00	102.00
SOUTHEAST	125.50	123.50	100.00
MIDWEST	122.50	120.50	99.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	126.50	125.50	102.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	125.54	123.95	100.96

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher heavy canners; generally unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate. Trading was light to fair. Available offerings were clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

20-25 MAJORITY 23.5-24.5 29-36 MAJORITY 34-35

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

22-27 MAJORITY 26 31.5-38 MAJORITY 35.5-37.5

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 29-Nov-03
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	668	897	1,565
LAST WEEK	1,097	1,427	2,524
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,223	1,010	2,233
TO-DATE/2003	67,859	67,073	134,932
TO-DATE/2002	83,123	67,928	151,051

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	0	0	0
LAST WEEK	34	0	34
SAME WEEK YR AGO	235	7	242
TO-DATE/2003	10,200	141	10,341
TO-DATE/2002	14,491	290	14,781

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	668	897	1,565
LAST WEEK	1,131	1,427	2,558
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,458	1,017	2,475
TO-DATE/2003	78,059	67,214	145,273
TO-DATE/2002	97,614	68,218	165,832

SOURCE: USDA/AMS PLTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BR.

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending November 22, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	306	458	15,813	18,768
Frozen	0	0	96	21
Dried	40	0	519	763
Total	346	458	16,428	19,552

2U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

	Week Ending November 22, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	31	126	5,264	5,824
Frozen	162	46	3,540	3,149
Dried	40	177	1,220	4,883
Total	233	349	10,024	13,856

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending November 22, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
Jumbo	17	100	454	1,540
Extra Large	2,428	2,955	32,698	46,672
Large	4,942	5,267	125,824	137,817
Medium	1,580	1,348	60,622	47,319
Ungraded	2,784	7,500	173,022	325,145
Misc	0	0	14,642	14,017
Total	11,751	17,170	407,262	572,510

Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)**SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 12/01/03	3,395	110,555	45,473
AM 11/01/03	3,598	182,037	44,797
CHG	-203	-71482	676
PCT CHG	-6%	-39%	2%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of October 31, 2003 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on December 1, 2003 are:

FROZEN EGGS	16 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	348 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	613 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 29-Nov-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	28.7	32.5	-12	9
BOSTON	4.0	3.7	8	11
CHICAGO	68.9	64.9	6	-7
DETROIT	33.7	30.1	12	-5
KANSAS CITY	5.6	4.7	19	27
LOS ANGELES	107.7	96.0	12	14
NEW ORLEANS	9.6	13.0	-26	-28
NEW YORK	29.9	33.8	-12	-4
ST. LOUIS	18.2	24.7	-26	-4
SAN FRANCISCO	26.3	27.4	-4	2
TOTAL	332.6	330.8	1	1
4 WK MVG AVG	308.2			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 29-Nov-03

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	225.6	0	-8
E.N. CENTRAL	478.0	-20	-11
W.N. CENTRAL	255.0	-16	-8
S. ATLANTIC	193.7	0	5
S. CENTRAL	109.6	-6	11
WEST	193.9	-7	2
TOTAL	1455.8	-11	-5
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Dec 02, 2003

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	173	168	119	81
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	166-170	161-165	112-116	74-78
MOSTLY	168-169	163-164	114-115	76-77
RHODE ISLAND	172-176	167-171	118-122	80-84
MOSTLY	172	167	118	80
VERMONT	166-170	163-165	118-119	-
MOSTLY	166	163	118	-

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